

Statewide Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

**Some questions were grouped together as they were asked by more than one person.
If specific questions about individuals were asked, they were removed.
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Date and Time: 10/16/2020, 2:00PM

Attendees

CRCC: Stephanie Biedman
MCC: Felix D'Allesandro
MCCCW: Paula Bond
SCCC: Susan Cooksey
WSP: Wendy Dubinsky
HQ: Jeneva Cotton, DOC Co-Chair; Rhonda Roberts, DOC Secretary; Paige Perkinson, PS4

Pre-Submitted Questions

None

Additional Questions

Question

Any other options besides fundraising to keep idleness down?

Answer

Discussed opportunities at local facilities and encouraged family members to suggest ideas if they have them. All facilities were reminded to provide fundraising opportunities during last weekly COVID check in.

Question

Status of visitation update

Answer

Provided status of visitation no-contact barriers and status of work being done to be ready once start date is determined. Cleared up rumors and shared that a start date had not yet been requested or approved.

Question

Why are weight decks still closed?

Answer

Jeneva indicated she would reach out to clinical leadership to ask about status of this. Information provided was in accordance with the Governor's Safe Start Washington plan, DOC weight decks currently do not meet space

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requirements for reopening to allow for social distancing. For instance, utilizing weights typically includes having a “spotter” which would violate the six-foot social distancing requirement. Clinical Leadership will continue to monitor guidelines and inform the Prisons/Health Services Unified Command of when it would be safe to reopen weight decks.

Question

Status of Safe Start Corrections

Answer

Provided update regarding Safe Start Corrections team work, and identified goals, to include how to safely resume some operations in a safe manner. DOC website will be updated in the near future with updated Safe Start Corrections plan.

Question

Stimulus Checks

Answer

Jeneva asked loved ones to request more information from their local calls, as she is not part of the process for this, and does not have all the information. Superintendents and local facilities would have the most up to date information to share.

Question

How will elections work?

Answer

Once all LFC elections in October have occurred, we will send an email to all LFCs to request nominations for SFC Co-Chair and Secretary, with a due date. Once all nominations are received, an email will be sent to SFC Reps for voting on the positions, to occur prior to the 11/21 SFC meeting.

Question

Skype/Teams?

Answer

Jeneva had indicated at the last SFC virtual meeting in September that we would transition to MS Teams for the November meeting. Unfortunately, it was discovered that MS Teams is still being tested with DOC leadership and not all DOC staff are authorized to use it yet; therefore those presenting would not be able to join the meeting. Also, currently, there is no ability to call into a MS Team meeting hosted by DOC. Therefore it would limit the ability for some to attend. At this time, DOC will continue to host with Skype until other options are available for use.

Comments/Closing

- Next SFC Informational Call: 10/30/2020 at 2:00 PM